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SUBJECT: VIETNAMESE REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT IN FRG

REF: BONN 416

1. WE ARE VERY PLEASED TO HEAR OF FRG'S RENEWED INTEREST IN ACCEPTING INDOCHINESE REFUGEES...NOT ONLY THOSE STILL IN THE U.S. BUT PARTICULARLY THOSE IN SOUTHEAST ASIA.
2. TODAY WE MET WITH CONSUL GENERAL VON. SCHMELING OF THE FRG EMBASSY, WASHINGTON TO DISCUSS THE INDOCHINESE REFUGEE SITUATION AND WORK OUT MUTUALLY AGREED UPON ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS RAISED BY FONOFF IN REFTEL(BONN 41L).
3. THE FOLLOWING POINTS REFER ONLY TO INDOCHINESE REFUGEES IN THE U.S. WHO WISH TO RESETTLE IN THE FRG AND WERE MADE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TO VON SCHMELING :

A. RE: SECURITY CLEARANCE. IT WOULD BE MISLEADING TO INFORM FRG BY DIPLOMATIC NOTE THAT ALL REFUGEES PAROLED INTO THE U.S. RECEIVED SECURITY CLEARANCE. SOME ENTERED THE U.S. WITHOUT CLEARANCE ESPECIALLY DURING THE FIRST CHAOTIC WEEKS FOLLOWING THE EVACUATION. WE COULD HOWEVER ASSURE THE FRG ON A CASE BY CASE BASIS THAT WE HAVE NO

DEROGATORY INFORMATION ON INDIVIDUAL REFUGEES.

B. WE ALSO AGREED SUPPLY STATEMENTS TO EFFECT REFUGEE IS FREE FROM COMMUNICABLE DISEASE. THIS AGAIN COULD BE DONE ON AN INDIVIDUAL BASIS. THERE WAS NO CERTIFICATE AS SUCH ISSUED. HOWEVER, ALL REFUGEES WERE MEDICALLY SCREENED IN THE CAMPS BEFORE BEING RELEASED AND ANY CASES OF COMMUNICABLE DISEASE WERE REQUIRED TO BE REPORTED TO LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH AUTHORITIES AND THE VOLUNTARY AGENCY AND SPONSOR CONCERNED. IF APPROPRIATE, FRG CONSULATES WOULD ALSO ARRANGE MEDICAL SCREENING.

C. FRG EMBASSY WASHINGTON RECEIVED REPORTS THIS WEEK FROM ALL CONSULATES OF PENDING CASES. 51 CASES (PEOPLE) ARE PENDING.

4. FRG CONSUL GENERAL REPORTED THAT HIS GOVT. IS PREPARED TO PAY ALL TRANSPORTATION COST AND MAKE ARRANGEMENTS WITH ICEM.

5. IT IS NOT CLEAR TO US NATURE OF LIST MENTIONED IN (BONN 18615) OF 264 REFUGEES. WE ARE NOT AWARE OF A LIST AS SUCH. NOR IS FRG EMBASSY WASHINGTON. WE PRESUME THIS LARGELY DUPLICATES 293 REFUGEES VON SCHMELING SAYS GRANTED PERMISSION ENTER FRG.

6. WE ASSURED VON SCHMELING OUR DESIRE ASSIST AS FULLY AS POSSIBLE FRG EFFORTS IN BANGKOK AND WILL REPORT THIS ASPECT MORE FULLY SEPTEL. KISSINGER

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